

UPDATE FROM PASTOR MICHAEL

As summer is in full swing, we picture it as a time of rest, but we can find that the busyness of life does not seem to slow down much. It is a new season, but just like any other season, the busyness is simply redirected to other activities. It is no different in the church. This summer we are working hard to prepare for the fall with the start of Sunday School classes, children's ministries, women and men's ministries and so forth, so please be in prayer for this. We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Faith Church, and we deeply want to ensure that we are caring for each other well, setting forth good plans for growing in our knowledge and love of the Lord, and in our relationships with each other because we are made for community. But even in the busyness of life, I want to stop and say how thankful and blessed we are. In last week's worship service and congregational meeting we are seeing how much God is blessing our church. You can further see the way you interact with each other and how much you love and care for one another. What a blessing! Additionally, I was so thankful to hear the great financial, missions, ministry, design, and AV reports. It truly is a blessing how the Lord is caring for us and for your faithfulness to the Lord.

We not only notice how the summer can be busy, but I think we can all say, "can you really believe this is the week of July 4th?" The summer flies by, and so does life. Tristan just turned 12 this last Sunday, and it is hard to believe how quick it has gone by, and so that leaves me thinking deeply about a topic we are working through in Life Groups and Sunday School, which is the legacy we are leaving behind. Tripp says, "there is definitely one thing that you have been doing, consciously or otherwise. You have been building your legacy." You see our legacy is not optional. How we live moment-by-moment and day-by-day we are leaving a legacy behind. The legacy we leave behind is not just financial items or memorabilia, that one can look at, but may not affect the day-to-day life and character of another. The legacy I am speaking about is that spiritual legacy that not only impacts us, but often in significant ways impacts those who are around us and of whom we love deeply. I want us to really contemplate the legacy we are leaving behind. I pray that we are a people that it will be said of us that we are: leaving behind a legacy of awe of God; that we are a people of repentance; we are seeking to make much of God who has made much of us in Christ Jesus; and that we place moral character over worldly achievement.

Success and legacies can be great and a true blessing, when the right purposes are in mind and left behind. Here is what God tells us where our success is rightly found and where our legacies are to be built. It is in Joshua 1:8-9: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." I pray that God would allow us to keep our focus on where success and our greatest good is found, and that would be the legacy we are leaving behind.

I hope you all have a blessed week.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK REMINDER

We are now on our break from Sunday School. We are glad to be able to give our faithful and hardworking teachers time to relax and refresh for the Fall. We look forward to starting back Sunday School for children, youth, and adults on August 22nd. Worship will take place, as usual, at 10:30am!

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON SUNDAYS!

We are so thankful for the ways so many of you help and invest week-to-week. Our Sunday morning would not work without our family working together to make this happen. You are such a blessing and we are so thankful. As we prepare for the fall and begin to start back there are places where we will need additional help. If you are not already involved or volunteering to help, please be in prayer about where you might be able to plug in. In the next few weeks, we will have an insert in the bulletin with roles we need to fill.

6TH & 7TH GRADERS IN YOUTH GROUP

This year, through a lot of prayer, we have decided that 6th graders will also be included in youth group with Daniel and Brienne. If you have a child who was in 5th or 6th grade this past school-year then your child will be invited to come to youth group and events this summer starting July 10th.

THE SNAPPLE OPEN ON JULY 10TH

The Snapple Open will be our youth group's first event over the summer where parents and youth are invited. On July 10th at 6:00pm we will all meet at Village Greens Mini golf course and whoever has the lowest score will win a case of Snapple. If you have any questions you can reach our Youth Director, Daniel Kreider, at dbkreider19@outlook.com.

LADIES PRAYER NIGHT

On Monday, July 12 at 6:45pm our ladies will come together to pray for our church, leaders, and programs in the Fall. If you would like more information, please call Kathy Pickens at 443-571-0977.

SOLANCO NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES NEEDS

Summer just started, but the new school year isn't that far away. And with each new year, children need book bags and supplies for school. Solanco Neighborhood Ministries helps families in need by providing book bags each August. If you can help, here's the list of things you can donate for Elementary & Middle School kids:

Boys/girls book bags, note/filler paper (1pkg), highlighters, folders, note cards, pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpener, binders, notebooks, pencil pouch, colored pencils, markers, scissors.

Toiletries: Deodorant, Travel size (toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, hand lotion), Tissue packs (small, for backpacks)

You can drop off supplies at the ministry anytime through Friday, August 6th.

BLOOD DRIVE JULY 6TH

The next blood drive will be in the Multi-Purpose Room on Tuesday, July 6th from 2:00-7:00pm. Please sign up in advance and reserve a time by calling 717-544-0177.

SONGS WE SING PLAYLIST

We are excited to share a Spotify playlist curated by our Praise Team leaders that is a sample of the songs we sing on Sunday mornings. We hope this playlist is a source of encouragement and a resource for personal worship throughout the week. We look forward to updating this playlist periodically, so follow us at "Faith Church Quarryville" on Spotify to receive any updates or copy the song titles to create your own playlist to listen on your music platform of choice. You can access this playlist through the church website at the following link: <https://faithrpc.org/media/music>.